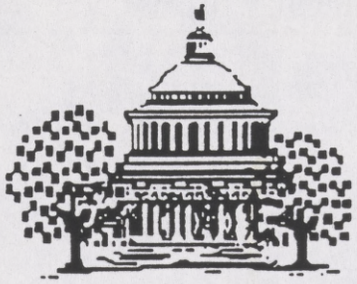

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES

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by George Fox

Hewy Yap Near!! Ok, so I didn't get that quite right...(you've noticed I dance that way as well!)

A new year...what's going on, anyway? Well, the basic/mainstream class seems to be up to snuff and doing well; they're doing better and better every week. The Christmas/New Years' hiatus doesn't seem to have caused too much forgetfulness - the steps learned weren't lost totally, however, a few folks seem to have forgotten to return . . . all right, vacation's over - where are you?!! C'mon back, we miss you!

The every other-Wednesday dance night, at Town & Country, is going pretty well. We seem to have a couple of squares each time - a third would be lovely (hint, hint); especially since this last time we did not quite have enough for a plus square . . . now, I'm not downplaying the need for basic/mainstream practice, (for all of us), but I can only circle El Paso at 30000 feet, so many times in a night! We really would like to see a few more bods out there on the 25th! And major THANK YOUs to all the folks who have been coming - and especially to Robin for "musicating"! So let's see more of you next time (7pm at Joseph's Town and Country Inn, Business 80 at Howe Avenue).

The plus class is doing well too . . . other than yours truly forgetting what part he's trying to dance (dancing gal in basic and guy in plus does not improve this one's performance - thanks for bearing with me!) Both classes are making progress, footloose and fancy free. A note to all of us: let's not "flourish" to the point that we get lost!!

A special thanks to Karl and Kris for their hard work,

long-suffering hours and patience in teaching us. And to David and Cindy (Karl and Kris's "taws") for going along with it. Also to Rich for all the work on these newsletters! (you too, Rick, for letting him.)

It was observed on Friday the 6th, that a full square showed up at the Wreck Room, in various stages of leather dress (and it wasn't saddles and stirrups - at least not in public!). Someone suggested that we dance a step or two, but that didn't get much support (why?) so we just stood around and got trashed instead. While this may not have been earth shattering, it does sort of underline the idea that we square dancers really can be found in the darnedest places (and so what if square dancing in full leather "isn't done"?).

About New York - We have received an update (#3). Things are coming along in the Big Apple, and there is a registration form in this newsletter, for this Big City shindig. Let's Do It!

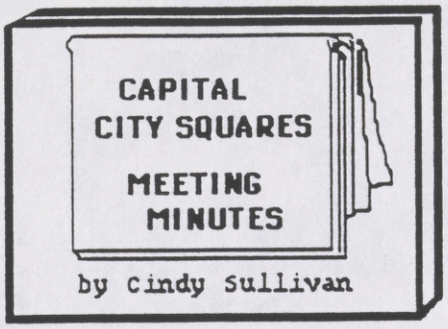
Concerning the Retreat - This is progressing . . . sort of. Clear Lake is still the "center point" in plans, but nothing has been confirmed (sorry) and Skip volunteered to check possibilities up in and around Guerneville (didn't you, Skip? . . . Thanks). As we find out, so shall you.

Club members, don't forget that we do have an opening on the board. Nominations will be accepted through January 31st. The election will be that same night, and results announced before we leave. The only criteria for being nominated are: active membership and a willingness to work! (The next board meeting is February 1st, at Rich & Rick's)

Potluck News! It's this next Saturday, January 21st, at 7pm ('til 10pm) at Skip's. Maps and sign-up sheets (food) will be available tonight. Thank you in advance, Skip.

We do appreciate your support, concern and interest! Thanks for joining us each week. One last thing: we really would like your input - at any level, on any subject! If this newsletter seems a bit thin, is because you had nothing to do with it? We need your input! (Editor's Note: the newsletter comes out on the dance night closest to the 15th, each month. I'll accept any contribution (written, typed or...) on the weekend before that night.)

See ya dancin' -
George



The January 4th CCS Board meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by George.

Those in attendance were: George, Rich, Rick, Bill, Michael, Audrey, Karl, Kris and Cindy. It was also held at Bill and Michael's home.

Under old business, George reported that he is still trying to arrange our club's anniversary weekend at Clear Lake. He also stated that the Coloma Center is unavailable for the New Beginner's Hoedown on August 26th, 1989. He is attempting to book Clunie Center instead.

We also discussed our "pot-luck schedule. Skip is hosting one on January 21st (Note that on your calendar for next week!), and Audrey will host one sometime in April. Rich and Rick will do one in May, and Karl will do another in June. We will announce the dates later. (Anyone interested in having one in Febrary? Let us know!)

We then went into a discussion about the need to have the membership officially ratify the club by-laws. Copies of the proposed by-laws (with some minor changes) will be distributed to members January 10th, with a vote to be taken January 17th. (Editor's note: I hope you all got a copy . . . not only to have a hand in our club's future, but to see the great typing job Cindy did!).

The board also talked about the need to phone the members that have missed class night. Bill will assume the job of taking roll in the plus class and ask Billie to give him the names of the basic class members who are absent. Lastly, Karl and Kris are are still working on establishing "graduation" requirements.

Audrey reported that we have $958.99 in the bank according to her calculations. As soon as she gets the bank statements, she will reconcile the figures.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Our next meeting will be held at Rich and Rick's home on Wednesday, February 1st, at 6:30pm. A map will be provided by them, to anyone interested in attending (any club or class member is welcome to attend!).

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy

by Robin

Hi, Squaredancers!

It's the oldest cliche in the world that "practice makes perfect". For square dancing, I would amend it to say "practice makes Fun". When everyone in the square is working together and you make it through a call without breaking down, it is exhilarating.

That's why our every-other-Wednesday night at Joseph's is so much fun. The more you dance, the better you get; and the better you get at it, the better you feel. On Wednesday's we just dance - no teaching involved. You get a chance to dance at the level you know, whether it's basic, mainstream, or plus.

So maybe you haven't danced in a while and you feel a little rusty. Wednesday night is the perfect time to come and get back into the swing of it in a relaxed atmosphere. Or maybe you're a new dancer and you don't feel you're getting the hang of it. Wednesday nights will give you a chance to enjoy dancing while you get more proficient. All levels of dancers are welcome. The more dancers we get, the more we can accomplish - so C'mon on down!

Also, I'd like to make a special plea to people dancing the "follow" or "pet" part - we need you! If there is interest, I will coach a "Learn to dance the Other part" workshop in February.

Our next get-together will be Wednesday, January 25th, from 7pm to 9pm.

C'mon Let's Dance!
Robin Alpenglow

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Robin Alpenglow

The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views of the CCS board.

Betty Boop is looking for CCS club members to give her the full scoop on what's going on with our club members. She can't be everywhere at all times, and is just dieing to hear about those juicy rumors that some of us have heard.

Of course it MUST be fit to print!!!

CLASS/CLUB DUES: $90/YEAR ($10/MONTH)

Due on the club night nearest the 15th of the month.

NEWSLETTER ONLY $12/YEAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JANUARY, 1989

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 PRIME 8's at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm A1/A2	3 CCS DANCE NIGHT at Wm Land Sch 12th & V Street 7-8:30 Basic 8:30-10 M/S Plus	4 ECR	5 CCS BOARD MTG at Bill & Mike's	6	7
8	9 PRIME 8's at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm A1/A2	10 CCS DANCE NIGHT at Wm Land Sch 12th & V Street 7-8:30 Basic 8:30-10 M/S Plus	11 CCS FUN NIGHT at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm Basic & M/S ECR WSD	12	13	14
15 Martin Luther King's Birthday	16 PRIME 8's at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm A1/A2	17 CCS DANCE NIGHT at Wm Land Sch 12th & V Street 7-8:30 Basic 8:30-10 M/S Plus	18 ECR WSD	19	20 Load the Chute Denver, Col. See flyers.	21 CCS POT LUCK at Skip's Home 7-10pm - See 'ya Load the Chute
22 Load the Chute Denver, Col.	23 PRIME 8's at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm A1/A2	24 CCS DANCE NIGHT at Wm Land Sch 12th & V Street 7-8:30 Basic 8:30-10 M/S Plus	25 CCS FUN NIGHT at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm Basic & M/S ECR WSD	26 FCD	27	28 Regional Gay Square Dance Sponsored by El Camino Reeler Harlan Kerr St Andrew's 8-11pm - M/S & Plus (w/A stars)
29	30 PRIME 8's at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm A1/A2	31 CCS DANCE NIGHT at Wm Land Sch 12th & V Street 7-8:30 Basic 8:30-10 M/S Plus				

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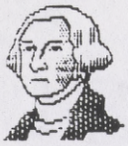

February

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 CCS BOARD MTG at Rich & Rick's Starting 6:30pm Maps available at Dance Night. ECR WSD	2 FCD	3	4
5	6 PRIME 8's at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm A1/A2	7 CCS DANCE NIGHT at Wm Land Sch 12th & V Street 7-8:30 Basic 8:30-10 M/S Plus	8 CCS FUN NIGHT at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm Basic & M/S ECR WSD	9 FCD	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 PRIME 8's at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm A1/A2	14 CCS DANCE NIGHT at Wm Land Sch 12th & V Street 7-8:30 Basic 8:30-10 M/S Plus Valentine's Day	15 ECR WSD	16 FCD	17	18
19	20 PRIME 8's at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm A1/A2 President's Day	21 CCS DANCE NIGHT at Wm Land Sch 12th & V Street 7-8:30 Basic 8:30-10 M/S Plus	22 CCS FUN NIGHT at Joseph's Bus. 80 & Howe 7-9pm Basic & M/S Washington's BD ECR WSD	23 FCD	24	25
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C'mon Let's Dance!!

CONVENTION UPDATE LETTER #3

POST AND PRE CONVENTION TOURS

Enclosed is a flier detailing some of the tours and trips that can be combined with your attendance at PEEL THE APPLE. We hope that this will help make your trip to New York a memorable experience. It is important that you make your travel plans early. Call (800) 221-6574 toll free for all travel arrangements.

DAY TRIPPERS

We will also be offering several sight seeing trips for non dancers who would like to see the sights and tour around Manhattan instead of dancing. These tours will be available to all during the convention; complete information will be included in a later update letter.

NEW YORK HOSPITALITY

The TIMES SQUARES will be offering their apartments to put up as many dancers as possible, both before and after the Convention. New York apartments are not noted for their space, but we will do the best we can. The Sheraton Centre will offer convention rates to all attendees for several days before as well as after the actual convention dates. The rates they offer are quite reasonable for a mid town first class hotel. We encourage everyone to stay at the Sheraton Centre Hotel during PEEL THE APPLE as we must meet a certain committment of rooms to avoid extra charges for the use of the ballrooms. Hotel reservation forms and housing forms will be sent to you in February.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IN NYC - 1989

Thursday,	June 22	TIMES SQUARES Club Night
		Gay Callers Workshop, Part I
Friday,	June 23	Pride Week Square Dance
		Gay Callers Workshop, Part II
Sunday,	June 25	Gay Pride Parade
Thursday,	June 29	"Trail-In" Dance
		Theatre Party
Friday,	June 30	PEEL THE APPLE
Saturday,	July 1	PEEL THE APPLE
Sunday,	July 2	PEEL THE APPLE
Monday,	July 3	PEEL THE APPLE
Tuesday,	July 4	Celebrate the Fourth in NYC
Wednesday,	July 5	Theatre Party
Thursday,	July 6	TIMES SQUARES Club Night

Registration Form

Name: _____ _____

Address: _____

City: _____ _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ Sex: M ___ F ___

Club Affiliation: _____

Dance Level You Expect to Complete by Convention Time:
Basic Mainstream ___ Plus ___ A1 ___ A2 ___ C1 ___ C2 ___

Registration (Until June 1, 1989): $60.00 • (After June 1, 1989): $65.00

Please Make Check Payable to: Times Squares Convention

Mail to: Peel the Apple • P.O. Box 1229, Ansonia Station • New York, NY • 10023

Registration Form For New Class Members Only

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Sex: M ___ F ___

Club Affiliation: _____

Dance Level You Expect to Complete by Convention Time:
Basic ___ Mainstream ___

Registration: $65.00 • Please Make Check Payable to: Times Squares Convention

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Editorial

I've been asked to write something up on the membership dues. It has been an age old, ongoing problem, collecting dues, in certain instances. I intend to clarify some of the finer points regarding our club dues.

As a club, we intend to operate on a yearly basis. Our dues are also based on a yearly rate of $90 per year. Obviously, we realize that most people cannot work out a full $90 at a pop, so we have set up the $10/month collection policy. We also expect our members to attend regularly, and therefore maintain their own level of dancing, as well as harmonizing with the rest of the club. The dues are based on a committment from each member to do just that. (Currently the year is based on 9 months)

Realistically, we all know that 100% attendance is near impossible to attain; but in order to operate and maintain a consistent standard of performance we have to maintain that original committment through the dues.

We intend to enforce a two month late rule. In other words, after two months of upaid dues, a member changes their status from active to inactive. This means that in order to continue dancing with the club, that member must pay all outstanding dues for that year.

An inactive member is also removed from the newsletter roster, and they will not be able to participate in club dance nights, until they become active again.

The intent of this rule is to keep our members active. The board has the power to make certain exceptions, but only on cases brought to the board meetings and voted on.

The club will only prosper if we all attend regularly and continue to contribute to the group as a whole. The Wednesday night (every-other) "Fun" dance is also a benefit of the club. Realize that our callers are NOT paid to come and call. They come because they have a commitment to the club, and they also enjoy seeing dancers get through the songs. They do NOT enjoy re-training squares based on certain people who have poor attendance. We all want to have fun, and we all enjoy getting through the calls!

If there are any questions, concerning attendance or dues, don't hesitate to ask any of the board members to clarify.

Now, C'mon and Dance!

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